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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING (WGRS): LEGAL
ISSUES; FUTURE WORK

REF: (A) USUN 638 (B) USUN 661 (C) STATE 27866

1. ON INTERRELATED QUESTIONS OF TREATMENT OF LEGAL ISSUES
IN WGRS AND WG'S FUTURE WORK, WE CONCUR GENERALLY WITH
APPROACH SUGGESTED REF (A) PARA 7. HOWEVER, WGRS SHOULD
NOT BE DESIGNATED AS SOLE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF LEGAL
ISSUES; AS NOTED REF (C) PARA 7, WE WISH TO AVOID CONFUSION
WITHIN OSC ORGANIZATION OVER PROPER FORUM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE LSC SHOULD BE PRIMARY OSC ORGAN
FOR CONSIDERATION IN DEPTH OF ANY POSSIBLE NORMATIVE
FORMULATION ON REMOTE SENSING. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE
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OTHER OSC BODIES ASSISTING LSC IN SUCH CONSIDERATION BY

PROVIDING RESULTS OF THEIR OWN RELEVANT DELIBERATIONS, INCLUDING GUIDING QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTED LINES OF INQUIRY OR ANALYSIS.

3. BESIDES ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, WE SEE ADVANTAGE IN PROPERLY FRAMED RECOMMENDATION FOR RECONVENING WG AT APPROPRIATE FUTURE JUNCTURE. THIS WOULD AVOID PROBLEMS FORESEEN REF (C) PARA 11 IF WG EXPLICITLY WOUND UP ITS WORK WITH REPORT ON CURRENT SESSION.

4. USDEL THEREFORE MAY SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN WG REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT WG BE RECONVENED AT APPROPRIATE TIME. RECOMMENDATION MAY BE KEYED TO RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL MATTERS BUT SHOULD NOT INVOLVE WG SEEKING AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES. IN ADDITION RECOMMENDATION SHOULD TAKE PROPER COGNIZANCE OF LSC'S ROLE REGARDING RS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS.

5. WE AGREE THAT SWEDISH "ORGANIZATIONAL" APPROACH MIGHT AFFORD MEANS OF EASING PRESSURE ON LEGAL ISSUES AND IS WORTH EXPLORING. USDEL MAY THEREFORE CONVEY SUGGESTION TO SWEDES FOR PRE-STSC BILATERALS ALONG LINES INDICATED REF (A) PARA 8. CASEY

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